

Career Day Arrives Opportunity Knocks Tuesday Morning

Lin Sherman
Career Center Asst. Director

Just as the door is closing on Summer 2007, windows of opportunity are opening for Summer 2008. Whether you are graduating and looking for a great job to justify your hard efforts here at Mines or looking for an internship to clarify your major, give relevance to in-class work and pay for future tuition...the Career Center has something for you! DiggerNet is your vehicle to being informed and involved in all of this! Log in today to plan the important month of September, the October Interview season and, ultimately, your great summer 2008!

Tuesday, September 11 is the big day! Fall Career Day 2007 promises to be the biggest and most exciting yet. You must bring your BlasterCard to sign in at the front entrance (Maple Street) of the Student Recreation Center. 180 companies will be filling both the Lockridge Competition Gym and the Recreation Gym from 10:00 – 4:30. Students will want to be sure to visit both gyms to talk with recruiters to learn about opportunities and upcoming interviews. Internships and full-time positions will be the topic of conversation. All majors at Colorado School of Mines will find companies who want to meet you. A hard-copy of the Career Day Guide will have been delivered to your department, but you may find it even easier to use the online, searchable version to research companies at our Career Center website: mines.edu/stu_life/career/cd_students.htm. Check the special section on “Who Wants My Major/Class Level” for a quick look to know with which employers to focus your time.

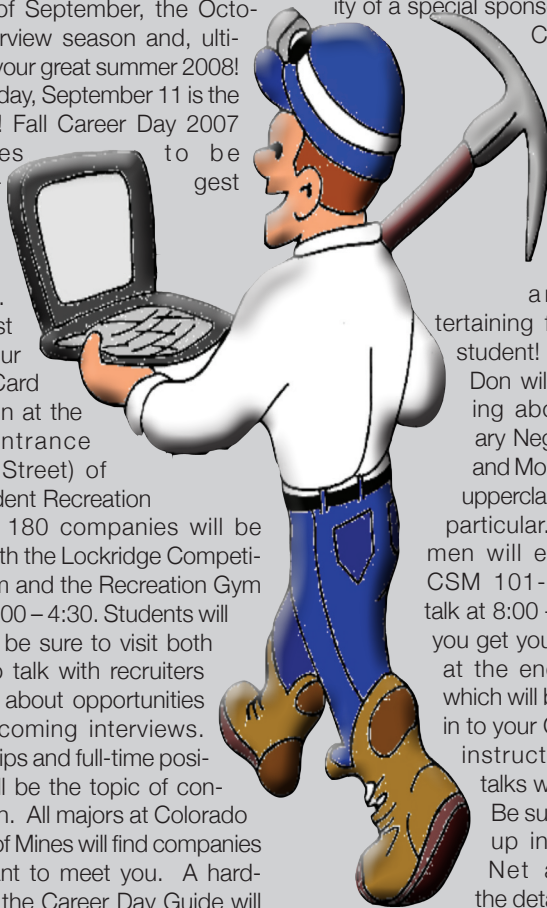
Many companies are sending their representatives to do special Information Sessions. These are valuable times when you can begin your networking (long term advantages), learn about a company's projects, mission and culture before your upcoming interview with them, and maybe even enjoy different food than you typically have (short term advantages). We will consider an Information Session to be the first part of your interview if you have already been scheduled a timeslot. Few things impress a recruiter more than an applicant who has taken the time to really research the employer and who has good questions to ask the recruiter

about that information. A real “deal killer” is to walk out of an interview without having good questions that you ask, as well as being able to answer questions. If you were not chosen to be interviewed by a company, going to the Information Session and having a quality, short conversation with the presenters can help you get into their interview schedule. It is always worth it to get to know the company representatives who come to our campus!

A very special event coming up is the Don Asher Workshop series on Thursday, September 13. We have flown Don in with the generosity of a special sponsorship by

Caterpillar. The evening promises to be both informative and entertaining for every student!

At 6:30 Don will be talking about “Salary Negotiations and More” for the upperclassmen, in particular. Freshmen will enjoy the CSM 101-required talk at 8:00 – be sure you get your “ticket” at the end of this which will be turned in to your CSM 101 instructor. The talks will be fun! Be sure to sign up in DiggerNet and get the details there! Don't be left behind – get your resume on DiggerNet early and begin applying for interviews in October when employers will come back to talk in-depth with you. Update your Job Agent and Profile and notify us if you need to have your major corrected. Apply for positions by going to the Interviews/Events - October page to see Resume Submission Deadlines (hint: if an interview will be on October 1 – your application through DiggerNet MUST be submitted by September 11). If you want your resume “looked over” before up-loading it to DiggerNet, come by the Career Center Office (next to the Registrar) – before Friday, September 7! Last-minute critiques and mock interviews will be happening at the Career Center/MEP Professional Development Workshop on Monday, September 10. If you are reading this the night of September 10...resume hints are on DiggerNet – you can still whip out a good resume before September 11!



Illinois Construction Project Campus Roadway Moves in Modern Direction

Lily Giddings
Content Manager

Students walking around the Colorado School of Mines campus will notice a surfeit of orange cones and yellow caution tape. These are a sign of efforts being made by the City of Golden Public Works Department to make improvements on Illinois Street. This work coincides with the Master Plan goal of making the campus more pedestrian friendly.

The city of Golden is providing the “hard scape,” or the concrete and asphalt, for the project; while a contractor for the school is providing sod, irrigation, and plantings.

Thanks to the combined works of these groups, permanent cross walks have been installed on Illinois Street, using textured and colored concrete. Other improvements include the new storm water drainage, and there are plans to install a large “M” in the center of the street. Along the edges of the street, which was previously lined with gravel, grass and trees will be planted, and new bike racks will be installed.

The medians serve several purposes on campus: to be a traffic calming device, thus making the campus a safer place for



Meave Hamm / Oredigger
Students pass by the new inlaid walkways on Illinois.

pedestrians; and “the medians help create a sense of entry into the campus, which was another goal of our campus master plan. Many of the best college and university campuses have distinct boundaries and entry points and this gives them a definable sense of place and identity,” according to Paul Leef, campus architect.

Throughout the academic year, students should look for renovations in buildings on campus, especially in the Green Center, to improve the teaching labs and the Geophysics area in the second floor. Mines also hopes to receive more funds this year to upgrade classrooms throughout campus and demolish the Hall of Justice.

Hall of Justice Project Update Cost Prohibits Demolition From Starting On Time

Jason Fish
Asst. Business Manager

This year's freshmen and new students may have seen a solitary building on the southeast corner of campus and wondered at its purpose. EPICS classes and music practice are no longer held in its rooms. The Hall of Justice will not see another incoming class.

The Hall of Justice (HOJ) was built in 1964 to accommodate the community's need for new public legal offices. The Colorado School of Mines purchased it from the city of Golden in 1992.

“Several years ago, the building was deemed to be structurally falling apart and considered unsafe,” said

Harold Cheuvront, Dean of Students.

According to the Dean, the principle problem of the HOJ was the asbestos throughout its structure. This hazard was one of the reasons the building was not completely remodeled and reinforced for longer use.

“It was cheaper to knock the whole thing down,” said Cheuvront.

CSM submitted the program guideline and capital budget request for a number of construction projects, including demolishing the HOJ in the summer of 2006, following the 2004 campus master plan.

“The budget request was considered during the 2006-2007 legislative session, but was not included in the original list of construction projects funded last summer,” said Paul Leef, CSM Architect.

A special appropriation supported some of the original proposal, depending on state

revenue surpassing expectations for last year. School officials expect the result to be at least \$2.8M, the majority of which will be used for the HOJ.

“If the state-appropriated funds become available in December, we would target asbestos abatement to start this spring with the building demolition possible as early as next summer,” said Leef.

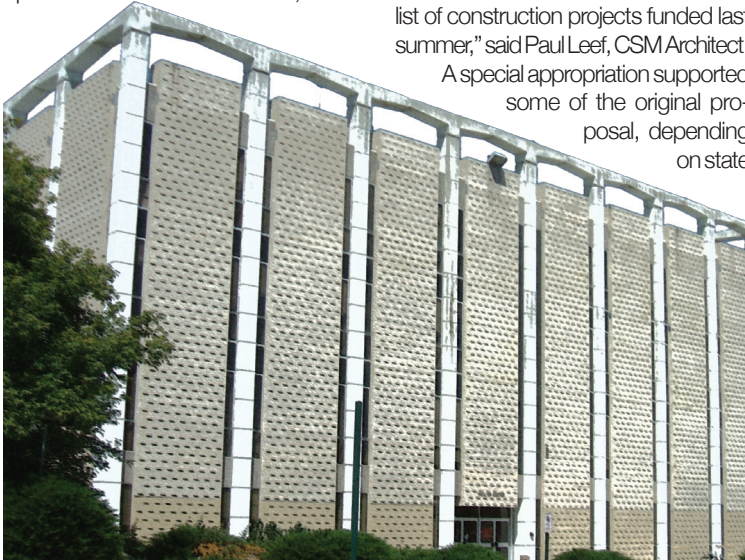
Those students who have had class in the HOJ may have wondered why the upper two floors of the four-story structure were never used.

“The third and fourth floors were too expensive to renovate for classroom use,” said Cheuvront. “We bought the property for the land, not the rooms.”

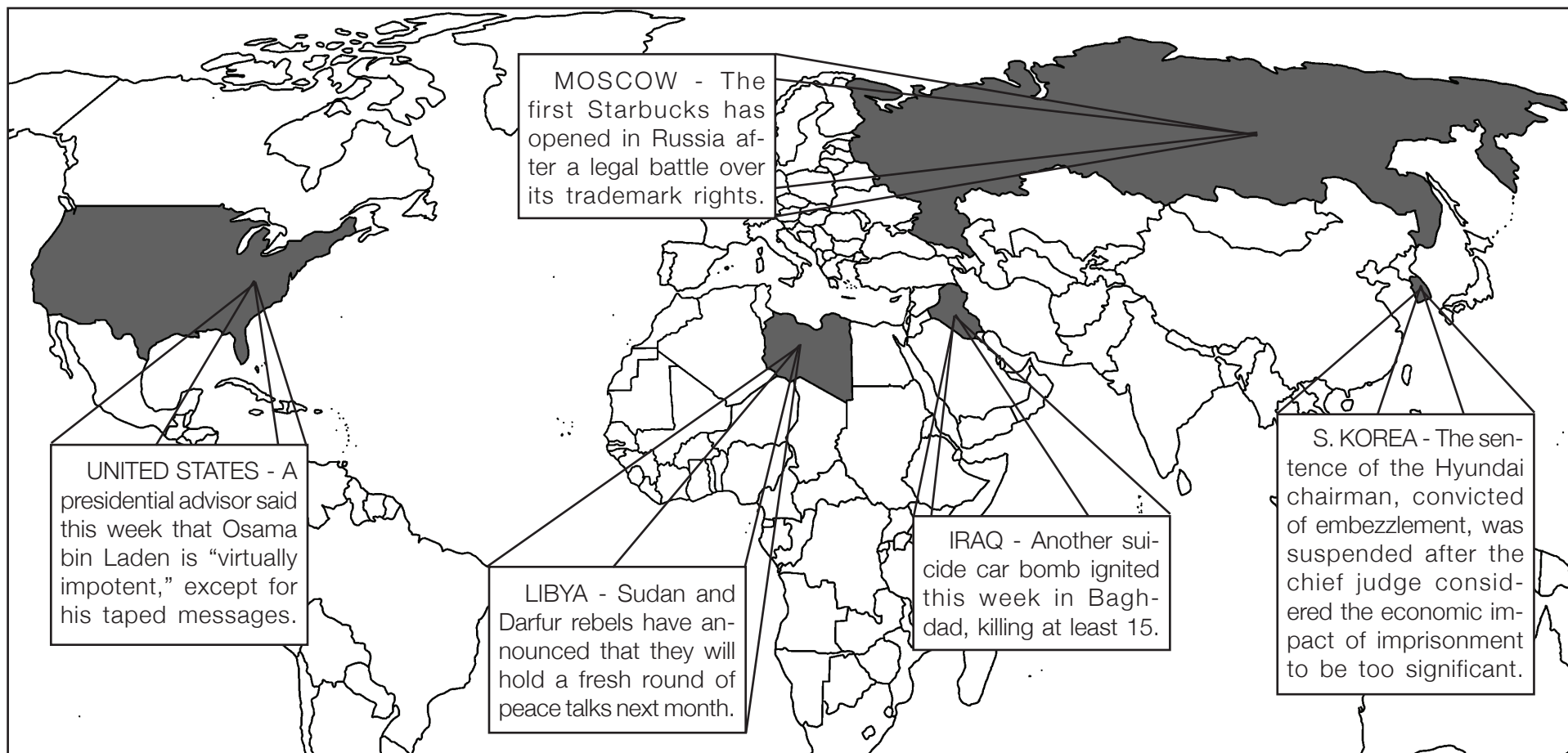
After demolition, a general use lecture hall and laboratory facility would most likely be built. According to the Dean, this new addition would ease up scheduling conflicts for class times and space for larger enrollments.

“The current campus facilities master plan identifies the site will likely be used for an academic building,” said Leef. “However, we will be initiating a review of the campus master plan this year, and some aspects of the current plan may be updated.”

Asked what effect the actual deconstruction process will have on Mines students and faculty, Leef said some of the parking around the area may have to be blocked off for a time, but officials will try to schedule work to cause as little disturbance and inconvenience as possible.



World News in Brief



Bienvenido DNC

Ricky Walker
Staff Writer

It does not stand for "Distributed Network Controller." Nor does it stand for "Disco Night Culture." For CSM students and the citizens of Denver, hearing the letters DNC can only mean that the Democratic National Convention is going to be held at the Pepsi Center in Denver in August of 2008.

For those of you who are rusty on Civics, the Democratic National Convention is a four day convention where delegates of the Democrat Party meet and vote for who will be the democratic candidate in the presidential race. Delegates are selected from different states based on the votes in the primary elections. While this does not guarantee the candidate nominated will be the same as the candidate people voted for, most delegates announce their loyalty to a particular candidate prior to the event and it is usually known who will be nominated before the convention.

The news that the Democratic National Convention would be held in Denver was announced in January of 2007 by the DNC chairman, Howard Dean. While considering different bids, the options narrowed down to either Denver or New York, and Denver was chosen due to the large role that the interior west will have in the upcoming election. According to a Politico.com article, fewer than 70,000 votes between Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico could have changed the outcome of the presidential election in 2004. By holding the convention in Denver, many democratic leaders hope to capture more western votes, thus swinging the 2008 election in their favor.

So put away your disco shoes and keep in mind that DNC do not stand for "Do Not Care," because whether you're Republican, Democrat, Independent, or In-different, one thing is for sure—the Democratic National Convention is coming to Denver in 2008.

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Frosh Elections

Lily Giddings
Content Manager

One of the first things that students can get involved in on campus is the student government. While elections for upperclassmen are held at the end of the year through the Banner system, this year's freshmen voted on paper ballots at the Celebration of Mines and at the Slate Cafe.

One of the reasons for the paper ballot is because of the new ASCSM structure and limitations imposed by the Banner system. ASCSM hopes to address these limitations and have the online voting system up and running by the end of the year for the school wide elections. A paper ballot requires much more manual labor than an electronic system, and would be much less feasible for a school-wide election than it was for a single class election.

The voter turnout was 10% higher than the all-school elections held last spring. Casey Morse, president of ASCSM, commented; "This [high turnout] may be because the freshman are just moving on to campus and trying to get involved with as many campus events as possible that first month or so." His viewpoint is supported by the 17 candidates on the freshman ballot.

The freshmen students voted Sharif Al Jawad to be class president, Tanner Bradley to be treasurer and John Bristow, Nathan Skinner, and Lisa Truong to be class representatives. Morse said; "I was impressed with the enthusiasm of many of the freshman I spoke with during the voting, and I am confident that this class will help drive more active participation in campus issues."

Congratulations to the freshman class on their participation in campus life, and congratulations to the winners of the election.



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Mines Bookstore Promotes African Growth

Erin Doherty
Staff Writer

Bono, lead singer of U2, has brought his famous, socially responsible clothing line to the Colorado School of Mines bookstore in the form of edun-LIVE t-shirts. All the shirts are made in sub-Saharan Africa from organic cotton in an ethical, responsible manner. They cost \$20 and come in natural and black, men's and women's, and styled in either an African "How do you live?" or with Colorado School of Mines printed across the chest.

Ed Showers, manager of the bookstore, estimates the school has sold 2 to 3 dozen shirts already and is even shipping some to an Illinois school also interested in carrying the line. He is impressed by Bono's commitment to social justice; "[Bono] is always trying to help people out, like when he did the (Product)red iPod." Showers first heard about the shirts from a

Barnes and Noble regional meeting in June. Barnes and Noble stores on campuses across the nation are carrying the shirts this year after partnering with edun-LIVE. Jackie Miller, a bookstore employee, said; "The quality of the merchandise is just outstanding," and extols the shirts as "such a great cause."

Edun-LIVE is a subsidiary of edun, the ethical clothing line created by Bono and Ali Hewson in 2005. All the clothes that edun-LIVE makes are "grower to sewer" made in Africa; the company especially focuses on providing economic opportunities

for women, in places where women are often underpaid.

Edun-LIVE's mission is "to drive sustainable employment in sub-Saharan Africa through high-volume sales of blank t-shirts." They have sold more than 1.5 million so far, and are expanding through partnerships

with companies like Barnes and Noble and MAC cosmetics. They stress social justice, poverty relief, and minimal environmental impact.

The bookstore has shirts made in Uganda and Lesotho, but edun-LIVE works in Mauritius and South Africa as well. In each country, the per-capita GDP is less than \$13,000 and in Uganda it is only \$2,000.

The focus on Africa is because the continent accounted for six percent of world trade in 1980, but by 2002, Africa's share of world trade had dropped to only two percent. It is estimated that, if Africa could increase its trade by one percent, there would be a \$70 billion increase in exports each year.

Africa has an abundance of natural resources, but often misses out on manufacturing opportunities where most of the profit lies. Currently, most cotton grown in Africa is exported to places like Turkey,

where it is woven into cloth. Africa currently does not have the manufacturing capacity to use all the cotton it produces, so edun-LIVE hopes to encourage African autonomy in manufacturing apparel.

In the US, the African Growth and Opportunity Act allows companies to import from sub-Sa-

haran Africa duty free until 2012 to give Africa time to develop its industry. In 2012 the act will be reviewed, so it is important that Africa establishes the trading ties and a developed supply chain now.

Edun-LIVE partnered with Miami University of Ohio's Center for Social Entrepreneurship to create edun-LIVE on Campus (ELOC) in an attempt to

penetrate the college market. ELOC targets all organizations on campus that need t-shirts. So far, ELOC has been successful at Miami University, and plans to expand to 40 cam-

puses by 2012. Between Barnes and Noble and ELOC, edun-LIVE hopes to gain a stronghold in the socially conscious college market.



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One of the t-shirts designed and sold by edun-Live.

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Remembering 9/11

Steven Bolger
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the U.S. marks the sixth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. The day not only claimed the lives of over 3,000 U.S. civilians, but also launched anti-terrorist hysteria still visible today. The official New York City commemoration will be a reading of the names of the lives claimed by the attack at the World Trade Center tribute site. The U.S. Department of Defense will host tours of the Pentagon Memorial site and the America Supports You freedom walk.

Neither the Colorado School of Mines nor the City of Golden have planned any official commemoration events for Tuesday. Mines students have mixed feelings about the most meaningful way to honor this day. For some, the sixth anniversary of 9/11 is an opportunity to acknowledge the sacrifices that have ensured our safety. U.S. has sent troops overseas to guarantee that nothing similar to 9/11 will ever again occur. Lisa Fisher, a graduate student here at CSM, feels that the best way to honor this anniversary is to "remember all the men, women, [and] children ... who lost their lives to terrorism."

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Others view this anniversary as an opportunity to reflect on how the nation has progressed since the day of the terrorist attacks and to learn from the past. In the six years since the attack, individuals have found time to reflect on questions that were unanswerable immediately following the attacks. Yong Ma, a graduate student here who came

to the U.S. less than six months ago, believes that the best way to commemorate the anniversary of 9/11 is to work to develop ways to "prevent the same [misfortune] from happening again."

This view acknowledges the significance of the attacks on the present and future, rather than regarding the bombings as an accident of the past.

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Even without official events commemorating the sixth year anniversary of September 11, 2001, everyone can find a way to honor this anniversary that carries personal meaning. 9/11 was the mostly deadly attack on American civilians in history and it is the only day of tragedy specific to our generation.

Boxer

Jake Rezac
Staff Writer

The National, formed by a group of friends from Cincinnati in 1999, have released three albums, featuring morose lyrics and soft, subtle melodies. Their most recently released album, *Boxer*, is no different, providing a melodious landscape which incorporates both Indie-rock guitar riffs and near-Baroque string sections, which are common in the latter half of the album.

The driving force of *Boxer* is the deep baritone of lead singer Matt Berninger, coupled with a forceful rhythm ruminating from the drum set. Berninger's lyrics tend to be initially obtuse but turn poignantly poetic - even dark and looming at points - over time, tying in perfectly with the mellow feel of the songs.

The National, which garnered slight attention with its 2005 release *Alligator*, has created in *Boxer* an ambient description of the loneliness prescribed by an empty street corner in a major metropolis. However, the juxtaposition of placid guitar riffs and the almost violent drumming creates enough tension to prevent the album from simply being background noise.

Boxer provides a gripping take on a subtle sound - ominous dread looms in the lyrics, while mellifluous melodies soar high above and create an album which is certainly worth considering.

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Once

Tim Weilert
Staff Writer

In 2006, Glen Hansard, lead man for the Irish rock group The Frames, teamed up with Czech pianist Marketa Irglova and stepped out from obscurity onto the international film and music scene with the release of *Once*. Recently, *Once* made its way to America and the film arrives with its sensational soundtrack.

Fans of musicians such as Norah Jones, Regina Spektor, Coldplay, and Snow Patrol will fall in love with the smooth, yet distinct harmonies that Hansard and Irglova create on tracks such as "Falling Slowly," "If You Want Me," and "When Your Mind's Made Up."

The overall tone of the album is a mix of aesthetic instrumental parts with powerful lyrical content. In fact, the soundtrack for *Once* does not sound like a movie soundtrack, but instead stands on its own as an alternative-indie record.

Listening to *Once* has a timeless quality, it speaks powerfully as an honest story about love, yet does not suffer from being a romance movie soundtrack.

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Reel Geek: The Meaning of a Political Film

Jennifer Schneider

Guest Columnist

I wrote in this column last spring about a spate of documentaries being produced on current environmental crises, films like *An Inconvenient Truth* and the not-yet-released *The 11th Hour*. Political documentaries have been around for a long time now, and we're not surprised to see them; in fact, I welcome most of them, learn from them, appreciate them. The political documentary is a genre I understand. Even Michael Moore's creative and complex documentaries are identifiable, categorizable. As disturbing as the content of these movies may be, the form is straightforward. It's rare I'm thrown for a loop.

The political feature-length narrative film, on the other hand, is a grab-bag. You reach in, and out pops *Traffic* (2000). Out pops *The Constant Gardener* (2005). Out pops *Blood Diamond* (2006). And, for that matter, you'll also get a whole spate of classics, from *All the King's*

Men (1949) to *The Manchurian Candidate* (1962) to *Network* (1976).

Fiction movies addressing political crises or cultural malaises of the day run across a spectrum of eras and genres; even trying to define what counts as a "political movie" in Hollywood is a complex project. Is 1967's *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, which addresses race and prejudice in a light-hearted, sentimental way, political? Is *Dr. Strangelove* (1964), a dark comedy, political? I would say yes on both counts, but defining "political" so broadly means that any number of films is, indeed, political, and then we must ask if it is even worthwhile to assign the term in the first place.

This is not just academic navel-gazing. Figuring out what we mean by "political" will in turn tell us what counts as a *good* political film. I think the best political films, including many of those listed above, made profound, complex statements about the events of their time. No matter where you stand on the ideological spectrum, you would have to be living in a paper bag to underestimate the ripple effects of *An Inconvenient Truth* or the cultural resonance of a classic like *Network*.

Other political films, however, are not so easily categorized, do not have such clear messages. Still, I have to admit, these are often my favorites. I'm a sucker for ambiguity. I actually liked *Syriana* (2005); I felt that its confusion, its refusal to linearity, echoed my understanding of (no, my confusion about!) the politics of Big Oil, our entanglement in the Middle East. It refused to be

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the "official" narrative of anything. Moore's documentaries often appeal to me for the same reason—they are typically wide-ranging and ambitious, making all sorts of strange claims and connections that I find compelling.

I suppose the question of *whose* politics are being represented must also enter into this discussion. Detractors would claim (and perhaps rightly so) that Hollywood films only represent "liberal" points of view, and you're more likely to be moved by political statements you agree with.

Perhaps. But that's not the whole story. It's maybe not even most of it. Which brings me to the film at hand—*Fast Food Nation* (2006).

Based on Eric Schlosser's best-selling book by the same name, *Fast Food Nation* the movie is, undoubtedly, a "political" movie. In fact, it wears its politics like a club. And, accordingly, I feel bludgeoned. Even though I am a vegetarian, a progressive, and an environmentalist, I feel bludgeoned by the club of *Fast Food Nation's* politics. For me, this movie was a total failure.

But why? Why, if I agreed with the politics of the film, which takes to task our country's over-reliance on convenience, speed, and low cost as the root of many social ills—including the immigration debate, environmental degradation, and public health crises—did I find it so unbearable to watch?

Well, mostly, because there was no *artistry* in the film. Characters gave long, convoluted speeches about the connections between industrial ranching practices and pollution. I ask you, who *really* wants to be lectured by Avril Lavigne, otherwise known for her big hit "Sk8er Boi?" *Fast Food Na-*

tion apparently thinks everyone does.

There is no character development, no interesting formalist touches, no movement or ambiguity. Every plot development is predictable and therefore boring. If you already know about the issues the film raises, you are not going to learn anything new. If you didn't already know, you're probably not interested in being hit over the head with them. In short, this movie is a disaster: it doesn't know if it is a documentary or a fiction film; it refuses subtlety at every turn, preferring instead to be condescending and didactic; and it relies too heavily on cameos (and mostly good ones at that!) to save it from a desperately dull script.

That said, I wonder: it seems that the filmmakers (it was directed by Richard Linklater, who also directed *Dazed and Confused*, if that tells you anything) are purposely refusing to trust the American viewer's ability to handle and process ambiguity. We've done so badly with it up until now, after all. Perhaps they feel they must bludgeon us, because anything more subtle and we just don't get it. Maybe they feel that, as a people, we are so used to being fed things in black and white, easy and simple, that we can't handle anything more complex.

They may be right. Maybe we're asking for this beating about the head. Still, I look at *Crash* (2004) or Moore's *Sicko* (2007) and I don't give up on the sickening beauty of the intersection of art and politics. I think there is room for powerful, political statements made in unexpected and nuanced ways. And I believe that the people of my country can hear and see these things, too. There's no doubt that we may need to be beat up a little. But the bludgeoning? I'll take a pass.

Goodness Gracious, Great *Balls of Fury*

Konrad Klett
Staff Writer

Balls of Fury is going to be a cult classic. It will not become popular. It is doing terribly at the box office and unfortunately I do not think it will do better in the future either. For the connoisseur of silly films (as well as serious ones) this movie is definitely something special.

First of all, if you have not seen *Dragon, the Bruce Lee Story* (the remake version with Jason Scott Lee) as well as *Enter the Dragon* (which actually starred Bruce Lee) already, go and see them before you see *Balls of Fury*.

Not only are those two great movies in their own right, but there are various parodies done in *Balls of Fury* of those two movies. Regardless of my previous statement, this movie is hilarious.

Okay, if you don't like *Dumb and Dumber* or Adam Sandler movies, you won't like this. If you do like those, or better yet such ridiculousness as Monty Python's various creations, you will most indubitably like this film.

To start with, the movie is about ping pong, also known as table tennis. The main character competes all over the world in a blown-out-of-proportion plot to save the world.

Fortunately the "plot," if you can call it that, has numerous surprises so that people with ADD can watch it without getting too bored. (Trust me, I know!) It has a lot of off-the-wall and physical comedy. While it does have dirty jokes in it, it is more ridiculous for the sake of being ridiculous than a movie like *Austin Powers*, which is essentially a series of jokes about sex.

There are not too many big names, except for the legendary Christopher Walkin, of course, but there are quite a few notable characters in it which many of you will recognize from other movies as well as TV.

Christopher Walkin was bloody amazing, by the way. If the entire movie had just been a clip show of only his scenes, it still would have been uproariously entertaining. Overall this movie was great. If you don't like stupid humor, you won't like this; but who doesn't like stupid humor?

Announcement

Hold the Date, Reserve the Time: Thursday, September 27th, noon, Student Center Ballrooms D&E.

"Tipping Points in Academe" presented by Distinguished Sigma XI Lecturer Daryl E. Chubin.

Malcom Gladwell's best-seller, *The Tipping Point*, distills much research wisdom about when communities change and why. Marketed as a business strategies book, its social and behavioral science examples speak persuasively to what is not only possible, but predictable, in the behavior of those formerly complacent or distracted by life's routines. Within those routines dwell traditions that grip us all. The problems appear intractable. But they are not. The work of the AAAS Capacity Center (www.aaascapacity.org) with client institutions of higher education demonstrates that, with leadership, departments and colleges on campus can introduce practices that support the success of students and faculty. Change is possible if context is heeded. Indeed, innovation can be spread to other parts of the institution. Examples (with institutional anonymity assured) from the Center's portfolio will be discussed.

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Melinda Bartel
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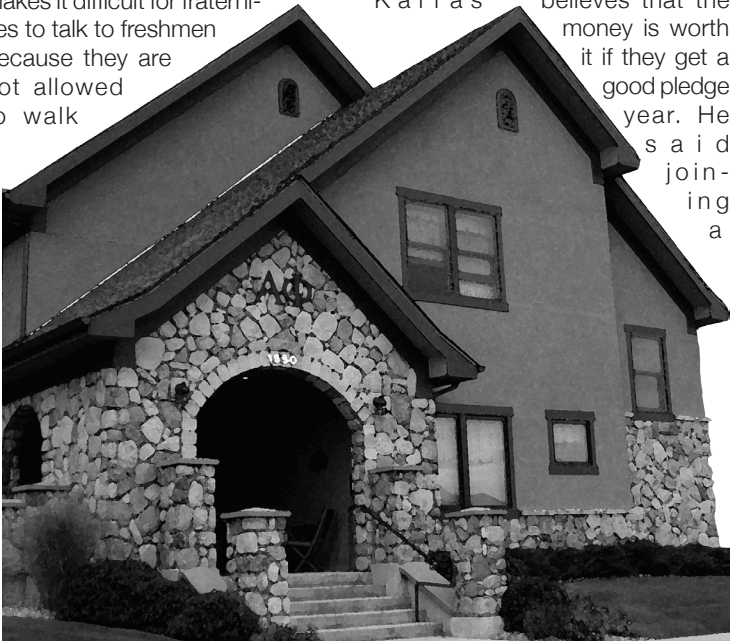
After a week of information sessions, house tours, food, and house-sponsored events, Greek Recruitment has officially come to a close.

Dane Karras, the Rush Chair for Kappa Sigma, said that, over the years, it has become harder to recruit students into Greek life. According to Karras, the school makes it difficult for fraternities to talk to freshmen because they are not allowed to walk

a school dominated by males." She also noted that it is a chance for girls to find a home away from home with 40 close friends. Also, the scholarships, the help from older members, and the networking opportunities are very important.

The cost of all these events adds up. While school owned houses had a \$900 budget, Kappa Sigma spent between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Karras believes that the money is worth it if they get a good pledge year. He said joining a



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The Alpha Phi house is one of three sorority houses on campus.

around the dorms, stand in the student center, or outside classes. Instead, fraternities have to attract the freshmen to them.

To intrigue the freshmen, Kappa Sigma sponsored their traditional activities: going to a Rockies Game, eating dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings, playing at Boondocks, and having dinners with the sororities. Other fraternities put on similar events, like taking trips to Hooters and playing poker. This gave freshmen a chance to get out of the dorms and meet the older guys in the house. If nothing else, they came for the free food.

The week ended with bid day, where each of the 7 fraternities offered their potential members a position in the house. If they accepted the offer, they became new members of their respective fraternity and started various, non-hazing, initiation traditions. Kappa Sigma calls their new members pledges and they go on a 60 day "trial run," where they learn about the history of their house, get to know the brothers, and see if the fraternity is a good fit for them.

Sorority recruitment ran a lot differently than the fraternities. According to some, it was more structured around spending time with the girls of the house as opposed to being entertained. Their week included an information session in the ballrooms, guided tours of the houses, "philanthropy night" (where each house does a community service project – Kappa Sigma made flower pots for a retirement community), a formal preference night, and ended with bid night.

Rebecca Hubis, an active member of Sigma Kappa and the Panhellenic President, explained that a lot of girls came to recruitment just to see what it was all about. Hubis said; "Sisterhood is a big thing in

ternity "helps you get through school and become a better rounded person".

This semester, Kappa Sigma gave out 24 bids and 18 were accepted. Typically, most of these pledges will make it through their pledge program and become active members of the house. Although this is a normal-sized pledge class, the popularity of fraternities isn't growing at Mines. Bad press about drinking and sexual assault create hesitant parents and hinder freshmen interest in joining. Despite this, fraternities are working hard to overcome their stereotypes and prove that there is more to them than partying.

Beta arguably put the most work into their recruitment, because their house is now located off campus. Zach Savit, Beta's Head of Education Chair, said that they spent a lot of extra money because of their location. They had to buy a large tent in place of their old house, where people could conveniently socialize. During one rush event, the school sprinklers turned on, which resulted in a spur of the moment slip 'n' slide, which will now become a traditional Beta recruitment event. Despite their difficult rush year, they nonetheless recruited 15 freshmen.

The sororities are considering expanding their membership guidelines in the future to try and recruit more girls into their sisterhood. This semester, 35 new members joined Sigma Kappa. Their initiation will take between 6 and 8 weeks.

Even though official Recruitment activities are over, students have the opportunity to join the Greek community all semester long. This continuous recruitment involves relaxed activities where students can familiarize themselves with Greek life at their own comfort level and see if it is right for them.



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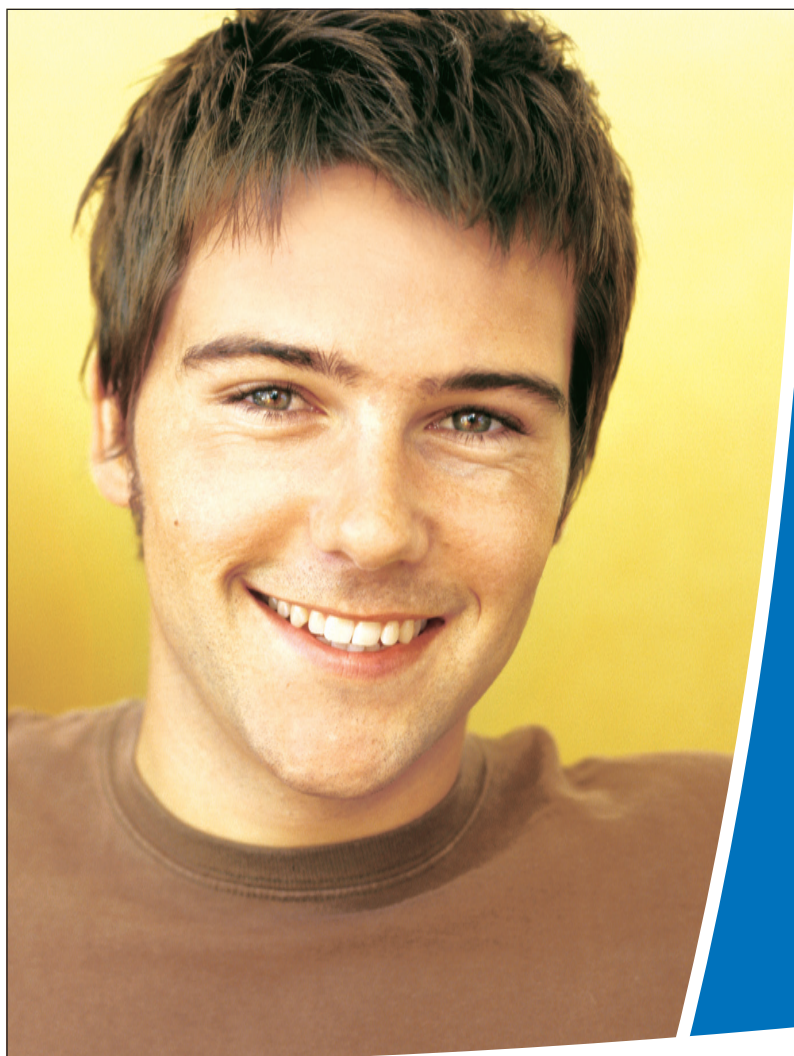
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Geek of the Week

...Casey Dowling, Freshman: Geology

Satira Tajdin-Labib
Staff Writer

[Oredigger]What is your best geek joke?

[Dowling] Three engineering students were walking down the street discussing what kind of engineer designed the human body. The First said; "A Mechanical engineer, look at the joints and tendons." The second replied; "No an Electrical engineer, look at the complexity of the nervous system." The last replied; "No, definitely a Civil engineer – who else would have run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

What is the geekiest thing you have ever done?

For posters in my dorm, I took a bunch of USGS Topo maps and pieced together the continental divide from The Eisenhower Tunnel to Breckenridge.

What is the geekiest thing you have seen at Mines?

When my buddy and I were talking about water skiing, and he got into a huge debate with another guy on whether it was centrifugal or centripetal force that kept someone up in the water while skiing.



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Dowling rechecks a spur-of-the-moment calculation.

What's the coolest thing in Science?

The fact that we can never be certain about anything.

What is your favorite math "thing"?

Any problem that takes up a few pages, because it feels awesome when you solve it and get it right. It's horrible if you get it wrong though.

What is the longest consecutive time you have spent on the computer?

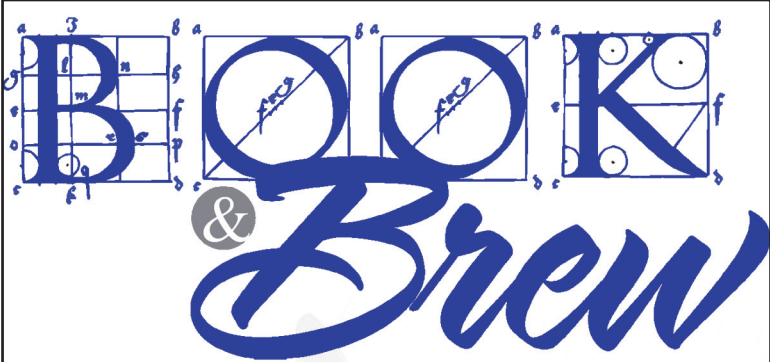
Actually, I'm still trying to figure out how to work my computer.

Do you consider yourself a geek?

Yep. I figured that out when I started snowboarding and realized I had just as much fun observing the mechanical aspects of the chairlifts as I did riding down the hill.

What's the whole deal with the pens in the front shirt pocket?

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The Shady Side of Student Fees

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Money. It's the magical substance that we spend to go to a prestigious college in the hopes of making more of it back than what we've spent. The soaring costs of tuition have been a big deal in the political arena over the past few years, and these increases have been further punctuated by the fact that student fees have been growing not only in their respective costs but also in the number that we pay.

Here's a few numbers (just to get them out of the way). The earliest that I can go back on trailhead is fall 2005, but the numbers are pretty telling to me. In fall 2005, according to my student bill, I had a total of 7 separate student fees totaling about \$445. This fall, I have the "joy" of paying a total of 11 student fees totaling about \$795. So, over the course of the last two years, my fees have increased by roughly 79%. Two words: Holy Cow. Now, I understand that some of these fee increases were voted upon directly by the student body (namely the increase in the Associated Students Fee and the addition of the Intermodel Transportation Fee), but I still can't help but question the

increases in some of the other fees.

There are two fees, however, that are of particular interest for the sake of this discussion. The first was implemented last fall and is the "Tuition Surcharge Fee." This \$6.50 per credit hour fee was added to Resident student bills "in lieu of an inflationary increase" starting in Fall 2006. But hold on. Why is it in lieu of an inflationary increase? And why didn't it change from year to year (due to inflation)? And why weren't we informed of this more publicly? I'm a

fanfare – and now it's here to stay apparently. I understand that inflationary increases are necessary (inflation is an economic reality), but why add a fee instead of adjusting tuition? According to the school's FAQ, it was "deemed more appropriate" to add the



card-carrying e-mail pack rat, and could find no reference to this in my e-mails that I've saved since I got here. It was added in without any

fee vs. raise tuition—why? But don't take my word for this, see for yourself at http://www.is.mines.edu/budget/Budget_current/Tuition_FAQ.pdf I also question the new "Parking Permit Fee." According to descriptions found by searching CSM's website, Public Safety's cash inflow from the students used to be covered by the "Student Assistance Fee." Looking at

my bill, the Student Assistance Fee is still there. So, Public Safety went from receiving \$15 max from my Student Assistance Fee last semester to receiving a minimum of \$50 a semester through my Parking fee on top of the Student Assistance fee that increased to \$15.50. This means that, if the student population stayed the same and everyone agreed to pay this fee for parking, then Public Safety's cash inflow from students more than tripled. Why, especially when they are arguably over-funded (something that my collegiate buddies have mentioned on multiple occasions)? Don't get me wrong,

I am very appreciative for what Public Safety does, but do they honestly need unmarked cars and a new paint job for all of their other cars on what seems to be a yearly basis? I grew up in a city where the police force changed the paint job once in my nearly 20 years there.

So, where are these new fees going? Why are they showing up? Why wasn't I informed about them until after they were implemented? There are some serious questions here, and I feel sorry for those of you who will continue to be nickel-and-dimed through these fees after I graduate.

Six Years Later

Andrew Aschenbrenner
Editorials Editor

On Tuesday, the United States will mark the sixth anniversary of the September 11th terror attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington D.C. So, how far have we actually come since then?

Are we truly any safer? Has our increased sense of patriotism lasted, and if so, is it serving us well?

I remember Tuesday, September 11th, 2001, like it was yesterday, as I am sure many of you do. It could be argued that it was the defining day of our generation, but the effects of that day have not yet been thoroughly seen.

It wasn't the first day that an act of terror was carried out on American soil, but it certainly was the first time that terror had so captivated the American people. For so long, terrorism had been something that happened "out there," in the Middle East or elsewhere. And then, with an airplane streaking across the sky, everything changed.

Since that infamous day, the US Congress has passed the PATRIOT Act, an oddly-named set of laws that allows the FBI to violate civil liberties and constitutional balance of powers. We have an administration that has seemed to have its eyes set more on political benefit than actual progress. Needless to say, it's been a long six years.

In those long six years, I'm not sure how much progress we've actually made, but the so-called "War on Terror" has definitely put things in perspective. Desperation and fear are more powerful than simple recognition of what needs to be done.

We have a color-coded threat system for the easily impressionable and a War on Terror that, despite the best efforts of our armed forces, has been a strategic failure. In other words, we might be safer, but that's no thanks to our government. The best weapon against terrorism, after all, is vigilance.

Lastly, as we look back at the years since the worst terror attack on US soil, ask yourself: what is the goal of terrorism, and has it succeeded? The goal is in the name: to inflict terror through whatever means necessary, and to terrorize people into changing their way of life. So: have the terrorists won? Are you scared, or are you vigilant?

Participation in ASCSM Lacking

William Everson
Staff Columnist

Another school year has started and with it another round of elections for the Associated Students of the Colorado School of Mines (ASCSM). For those of you who do not already know, ASCSM is your elected student government which consists of an executive council as well as freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior class councils. ASCSM promotes the student population's interests by voting upon everything from student fees to club approvals.

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Every year students are allowed to run for ASCSM positions and vote for their class candidates in addition to the executive council candidates. Too bad few people do. During the Spring 2007 elections, the last election that took place, only 24 percent of the student population voted. It gets worse. Just 33 percent of sophomores voted, 29 percent of juniors, and 15 percent of seniors.

There seems to be a direct correlation between time spent at CSM

and lack of interest in student government. Why is this? Why do we become uninterested in the politics that help govern our fees, academic policies, extracurricular activities, and so many other aspects of our experience at CSM as we gain engineering knowledge? The reasons for this lack of interest are many. Let's take a trip down memory lane.

Remember back to when you were a freshman (unless you are a freshman; then remember back to now) and how, when you were sitting in your dorm room doing something completely useless,

ASCSM candidates would come around door-to-door and try to talk you into voting for them. Fliers would be dotted everywhere in the halls: on bulletin boards, under your door, above the urinals. You could not avoid the hodgepodge of political propaganda no matter how hard you tried. All of this hoopla over the elections generated excitement in the political process. Now, flash

forward to your sophomore, junior, or senior years respectively. Most of you do not live on campus anymore. You walk from class to class, trying to remain on campus for the smallest amount of time possible. A far cry away from the slew of political advertisements and political candidate

Most of this upperclassman candidate invisibility can be attributed to just lack of caring, both on the part of the candidates and the student body. candidates are almost completely invisible to the average student. This is partially due to the election restrictions that ASCSM mandates; things such as no campaigning 100ft from computer labs, the CTLM, the Green Center, and Arthur Lakes Library, no mass emails to the CSM student body, and banners that can only be 8 1/2 X 11 in. However, most of this upperclassman candidate invisibility can be attributed to just lack of caring, both on the part of the candidates and the student body. The upperclassmen candidates do not have to campaign hard because they have little to no competition. Of the five available candidate spots open to each class in

Spring 2007, five sophomores ran, four juniors, and four seniors. This means that the number of junior and senior candidates that ran was less than the number of available spots. Restrictive policies and lackluster campaigning are important causes of poor upperclassman candidate

the student body trumps them both. After years of being beaten into engineering submission, many upperclassmen have become hardened and disillusioned about the school that constantly works you to the brink of madness. As a result, we are too busy to live; much less stay informed and vote in student elections.

Even though student government is probably one of the last things on the minds of CSM students, ASCSM affects us in many ways. With just a little effort to become informed (the Oredigger is a good place to start) and even less to vote, you can make a major impact upon the school policies at CSM.

Believe in Global Warming?

Passion Should Never Enter the Argument

Ricky Walker
Staff Writer

Allow me to ask you a question: Do you believe in gravity? If you ask a typical CSM student this question, they will probably give you a weird look before they answer. This is not because they question the validity of gravity, but rather because it is an awkward question. Gravity is a scientific concept based on empirical data—there is no ‘belief’ to gravity. Evidence regarding gravity always seems to hold, so we conclude it to be valid.

Now consider global warming. Similar to gravity, it is also a scientific question. However, no one gives it a second glance when they hear the question; “Do you believe in global warming?” The problem is that it is no longer treated as the scientific issue that it is—it has been turned into a question of ‘belief.’ Regardless of its scientific validity, it remains certain that global warming is not and should not be treated as a ‘belief’ system.

However, it is treated this way. People are willing to criticize someone with a different viewpoint on the data and form what is almost becoming a modern-day Spanish Inquisition. To illustrate this, I present to you the name Michael Griffin. As an NPR story quotes, Michael Griffin is a NASA administrator and went before a House committee in March of 2007 to defend several space agency programs. In the course of the discussion, the issue of global warming came up and he questioned whether or not we can say the climate today is ideal, and questioned the urgency of climate change. He was chastised from the media and global warming advocates as a heretic for saying this, and was later pressured into apologizing for his statement. After all, quieting opposition is standard procedure—

ture in the scientific method, isn't it? So the question is: why is it so commonly treated as a belief system? Why is it that if you express doubts about global warming, you are shunned by political activists as though you are an atheist going to hell? The true reason for this

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comes down to the expression; “If you want people to believe something, make it a religion.”

The global warming movement has not grown on the wings of a scientific concept, but on the wings of a religious philosophy: “Believe in this idea or there will be dire consequences.”

there will be dire consequences.” This unfortunate outlook has not happened by accident. This has happened in order to create the atmosphere that we have today: people going around preaching the religion of global warming rather than teaching the science of global warming. People will tend to believe the former before they understand the latter.

So next time you see someone talking to you about global warming, think to yourself: is this person teaching about a science or are they preaching about a religion? I urge the readers of this article to see this difference. This is especially crucial in today's world because those who hand out pamphlets beside a guy in a polar bear suit are preaching a religion of global warming, not teaching a science. And frankly, if they need a polar bear suit to get their point across, they probably don't even know what they're talking about.



Not Going Nuts

Andrew Aschenbrenner
Editorials Editor

Welcome to the Colorado School of Mines, population about 4,000. Take a deep breath. There's nothing like CSM to whip your mind into shape, if your mind survives at all. When I first got here, someone told me that I could do three things: work, have fun, and sleep; choose two. Luckily, like most things, it's not quite that simple.

Being a college student demands responsibility, and a lot of it. That responsibility comes on a level similar to anything you might face in the future. In the case of CSM students, there's no telling what we might face in the future, but we have the opportunity to take on seemingly as much responsibility as we want, to the point of burnout.

Forget about paying bills and doing homework. I'm talking about leadership positions in clubs and projects, as well as countless other examples in which your performance affects other people working with and around you.

The question is, do you have the requisite skills to handle it all? Ability to problem-solve in real time, manage free time as if it's gold, handle business and social interac-

tions with ease, and not go nuts by the end of the day.

Kudos to Mines for giving its students all the help they need, but the fact is that a good company will not tolerate employees who struggle to handle responsibility. I once heard life compared to a treadmill. You have to keep running, because if you fall off, no one is going to stop it to let you get back on. For your benefit, college is basic training for life. It will smack you around without much of a potential to get seriously hurt. My advice is to take advantage of the training.

Mines is not a conventional experience. I resist telling people that I go to Mines, not because I'm not proud of being a student here, because I am. It's just that either people don't know anything about a school called the Colorado School of Mines (mimes, anyone?) or their immediate response is something along the lines of; “Wow, you must be really smart!” Well, most of us are, but that's not the point.

Sometimes, despite our knowledge, we're all idiots. The ultimate focus is to rely on each other for mutual guidance and help, learn something along the way, and finish without the occurrence of some catastrophic failure.

Duffy's Corner

NAFTA Generates National Security Problems

Kevin Duffy
Content Manager

Last Thursday marked a brave new era in American border-security and national sovereignty. The US Department of Transportation began issuing permits to Mexican trucking companies in a pilot program that allows unrestricted access across the southern border and throughout the US. All in the name of free trade, the government

has chosen to side with corporations. The American people who reject open borders and demand security and cultural sovereignty are left awestruck at the self-destructive actions this administration continues to condone.

So how could our government even begin to rationalize a policy of unfettered Mexican truck movement? It centers on the Clinton-era policy of NAFTA, or North American Free Trade Agreement, which champions the economic principle of free trade largely between Canada, Mexico and the US. While NAFTA's long-term economic policy contains valid arguments, it fails miserably to address the social, political and cultural realities of the trading nations.

Long has been the dream of NAFTA supporters of a massive superhighway spanning the three countries. People, cargo and information could flow freely across borders and immense economic prosperity would follow. While no superhighway has yet been constructed, the trucking maneuver by the Transportation Department illustrates the first steps in this direction.

The problem is the all-too-persistent habit in America of “wearing rose-colored glasses.” If the only effect of NAFTA was to better the chances of economic prosperity, there might be little argument. The truth about the motives behind the association and the trucking agreement are far less benevolent.

The last time I checked, the western world was engaged in a

war with islamofascism. I'm not talking about Iraq or Afghanistan, but the broader conflict between two vastly differing ideologies. That argument aside, the foremost obligation of the federal government is to protect our borders from enemies seeking to harm the citizens of this country. Any individual, group, or technology can easily enter Mexico, at will, and without question. The thought of foreign truckers piloting massive semi-trailers stocked with unchecked goods and unchecked destinations, forces any logical person to question how this policy is contributing to national security.

The United States is currently home to over 12 million illegal aliens, the vast majority of them being of Mexican origin. The US is governed by the rule of law, which explicitly prohibits undocumented entry into this country. While politicians on capitol hill and in the early caucus debates promise to build walls, enforce business laws and the like, they continue to pass new legislation that further promotes illegal immigration. The double-talk leaks from their mouths while the human flood crosses the border.

So while you sit comfortably in the newly upholstered lounge chairs of the SRC and think that this, in no way, affects you, just remember, the Mexican border is a lot closer then you think. The serene valley between Mt. Zion and S. Table Mountain represents our way of life; something that is in the process of changing instantly if immediate action is not taken.

Grand Opening for Mines Fall Varsity Sports

Mike Rooney
Staff Writer

Friday August 31st brought the official opening of the new rec center and its christening was shortly thereafter with some of the first competitions of the fall. Throughout the weekend, teams competed in the annual Oredigger Volleyball Classic, now staged in Lockridge arena.

The Orediggers' women's volleyball team finished the tournament 2-2 with wins against Missouri – Rolla and Merrimack College in 3 and 5 game matches respectively. Mines sophomore Kaity Edminston was named to the All-Tournament Team to go along with her Player of the Week status.

The Mines Football Team fell at Brooks Field to Washburn University, 27-7 on September 1st. The season opener didn't fair well for the home team who managed only

55 yards on the ground. Quarterback David Pesek threw for over 300 yards and a touchdown but 3 interceptions spoiled an otherwise noteworthy performance in this non-conference match-up.

Mines kept the game close with a scoreless first quarter, entering halftime with only a touchdown deficit. They later tied the game in the 3rd quarter, giving hope to the Orediggers (0-1). This score marked the first and only points that Mines would earn as the Ichabods followed with 20 unanswered. While Mines controlled the ball for 38:37 and 20 first downs, the Ichabods controlled the game, finishing with four touchdowns.

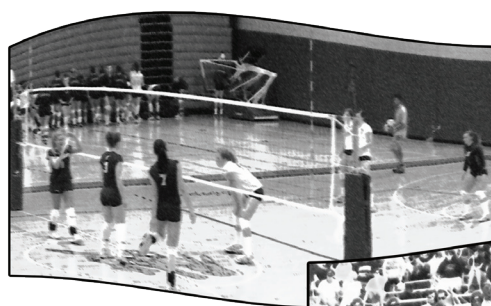
As of September 8, the Mines soccer teams each played two RMAC games on Brooks Field with the matches resulting in four wins for the Orediggers. The CSM Men's soccer team ranks sixth in

the Midwest region, moving up two spots from last weeks rankings. On September 5th, the men's team earned their third win of the season against Colorado Christian 2-0.

Goalkeeper Kevan Thurman notched his 2nd shutout of the season with Craig Thompson scoring both of the Oredigger goals with assists by Grant Manthey and John Moseley.

The women's team won 2-1 on September 7 over Dana College, giving the team a 3-3 record. The team's two goals, in a span of a little over a minute, were the result of a successful penalty shot by Kayla Mitchell and a free kick, starting with a pass from Ann Newman, resulting in a goal by Allison Heeg with an assist by Elizabeth Oba.

The Mines' cross country season began on September 1st with the CU Time Trial in Boulder. John Tallerday and Ben Zywicki led the men's team, finishing 10th and



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Volleyballers play in the new Rec Center (left). The Football team faces off (below).



11th overall, while Sydney Laws led the women with a 20th place finish.

The men's and women's teams, ranked 3rd and 7th respectively in the RMAC, compete next at the Woody Greeno Invitational in Nebraska, co-hosted by Nebraska Wesleyan and the University of Nebraska at Pioneer's Park in Lincoln. The 7th ranked nationally Men's team look to defend their title from

last year with returning All-American and Preseason All-RMAC nominee, Clifton Oertli, leading the Orediggers.

Place Your Bets: NFL Preview

Matthew Pusard
Staff Writer

The last time fans saw a meaningful game in the NFL, Devin Hester made history with touchdown return on the first play of the Super Bowl, Rex Grossman further cemented his status as a pariah in Chicago, and Peyton Manning silenced his critics once and for all by finally winning the big one. Since then, a lot has changed within the NFL. Major players changed teams (like Randy Moss), others retired (Tiki Barber), and a few were banished under a strict no-tolerance policy against off field legal infractions (Michael Vick, "Pacman" Jones). But now, America's new national pastime is back and without further ado, here is what to expect from each team this season and some predicted records.

AFC North

Cincinnati Bengals (11-5)

Carson Palmer, Chad Johnson, and TJ Houshmandzadeh. With these three offensive studs, the Bengals will find success. How much success, however, depends on their defense. Near last in the league in passing yards allowed last season, cornerback Deltha O'Neal has to find his way and return to Pro Bowl form. Otherwise, it might be a short playoff run for the Bengals... or a nonexistent one.

Baltimore Ravens (10-6)

The birds need a running game to propel them to the next level. With a championship caliber defense in tow, the pressure is on the promising young former Bill Willis McGahee to open up the offense and make sure it isn't just the defense winning games. QB Steve McNair will be more comfortable this year with a year in the system under his belt and look out for WR Mark Clayton to emerge as a potent target this season.

Pittsburgh Steelers (9-7)

Two short years ago, these guys were world champions. Now, they are victims of the toughest division in the league. QB Ben Roethlisberger assuredly won't be as bad as his concussion-riddled 2006 season, but this team will still suffer from losing strong chinned coach Bill Cowher after over a decade of service. No offense to new head coach Mike Tomlin, but it's a hard act to

follow. And despite a very competent defense, led by SS Troy Polamalu, the Steelers just don't look as good as the Ravens or Bengals on paper. But when the games start, don't be surprised if they come close to the aforementioned teams.

Cleveland Browns (4-12)

This team has a promising future, and that's about it. They now have their future quarterback in Brady Quinn as well as a future All Pro Left Tackle Joe Thomas, but they won't be ready for a while. Meanwhile, their lone bright spots will be WR Braylon Edwards and TE Kellen Winslow taking passes from lame duck QB Charlie Frye.

AFC East

New England Patriots (12-4)

The dynasty may be back. The Patriots had a terrific offseason, bringing in LB Adalius Thomas and former Pro Bowl WR Randy Moss and Donte' Stallworth. Now Tom Brady has targets to throw to and it's going to be another long season for the residents of the AFC East.

New York Jets (7-9)

QB Chad Pennington has to improve on last season, play well, and stay healthy. He gains a train of a runner in Thomas Jones to assist him, but their schedule will be more difficult this time around. At least they still have Eric Mangini, dubbed the "Man-genius" by some on their sideline. With him, anything may be possible for the Jets.

Buffalo Bills (7-9)

The team with the longest playoff drought in the league is inching its way back in. QB JP Losman hopes to build upon the flashes of brilliance he showed last season and super talented WR Lee Evans is there to help him on that quest. However, the key for the Bills is the running game. They must gain yards on the ground and they must stop it. There are just too many question marks for this franchise and their creed may again be: "Maybe next year".

Miami Dolphins (5-11)

First year coach Cam Cameron comes in to welcome the NFL's newest rebuilding franchise. They have reigning NFL Defensive MVP Jason Taylor leading an above average defense, but their offense is in shambles. QB Trent Green seems to be done, their offensive line is offensive, and top WR Chris Chambers caught just

39% of his passes last year, easily an NFL low. Unless RB Ronnie Brown returns to form this year and ignites this offense, not even Taylor can save them this season.

AFC South

Indianapolis Colts (11-5)

Peyton Manning finally won the big one. Now, after losing several key players like LB Cato June and CB Nick Harper, they will try to do it again. Will they have a Super Bowl hangover? Likely not. Their defense was a big weakness last year, and its worse this year. Add in Joseph Addai, a RB who has never had to take 20-25 carries a game, with virtually no backup and Manning losing one of his vaunted offensive linemen to retirement, don't expect these Colts to start 9-0 again.

Jacksonville Jaguars (8-8)

A team with this dominant a defense shouldn't do this poorly. But all indications are that the Jags will. Starting QB David Garrard showed he couldn't do it last year, but he gets another shot anyway. RBs Maurice Jones-Drew and Fred Taylor will deliver a nasty 1-2 punch, but this team won't be able to get past QB troubles, notoriously inconsistent play, and the Colts this year.

Houston Texans (7-9)

Average would be great for the Texans. Just 2 years ago, they were horrid. Now, they've made a turnaround. Promising QB Matt Schaub takes the helm of the team now. Add in preseason stud rookie WR Jacoby Jones and a defense that is slowly adding talent through the draft, they will be good in a few years. But the offensive line still is iffy and, for now, average is best for the Texans.

Tennessee Titans (6-10)

The ROY is their MVP. 2006 Rookie of the Year Vince Young is everything to the Titans. He showed last year that he can win games singlehandedly. And he'll have to continue to win. The Titans downgraded, talent-wise, losing RB Travis Henry, WR Drew Bennett, and, most famously, CB Pacman Jones over this offseason without finding suitable replacements. Young will have to be magical again to lead this team to a decent season.

AFC West

San Diego Chargers (11-5)

They have the most talent in the

league, but nary a coach to lead them. They got rid of Marty Schottenheimer, who was great during the regular season, but could not seem to win the big one, for Norv Turner, a man who hasn't even proved he can win in the regular season. Turner is an offensive guru, but who needs more offense when you have record breaking RB LaDainian Tomlinson and TE Antonio Gates, a receiver in a TE's body. Their defense will beat you up and they will make the playoffs, but all bets are off once the playoffs start.

Denver Broncos (11-5)

These guys are the biggest wild cards in the league. They have new defensive schemes, new big name talents (Dre Bly, Travis Henry, and Simeon Rice), and even a new blocking scheme, but it all rides on one kid's arm. Jay Cutler has drawn favorable comparisons to the legendary QB John Elway, but he's got to prove that the praise is apt. 2nd year QBs usually cannot lead a team to glory (even Elway could not), but if Cutler is as special as people think he is, he may. And it can't hurt to have WR Javon Walker, FS John Lynch, and shutdown CB Champ Bailey helping the kid out.

Kansas City Chiefs (6-10)

Larry Johnson may wish he kept holding out after this season. With a fat new contract in hand, he will face defenses focusing entirely on him this season. He's lost 2 Pro Bowl offensive linemen in the past 2 years and QB Damon Huard won't do enough to take the pressure off LJ. Also factor in the wear and tear of a record-breaking 416 carries for him last season, Johnson is due for a letdown. As Johnson struggles, so will the Chiefs.

Oakland Raiders (3-13)

The NFL draft can be an allegory for a team's culture. Jamaarcus Russell, Oakland's #1 overall pick, remained the last remaining unsigned first rounder. But that's life for the Raiders these days. There is little hope this season for the famed Silver and Black. Their lone bright spot is their secondary. They can keep points off the board. With rumored regular season starting QB Josh McCown and a porous offensive line, they won't be putting enough on the board. Another #1 overall pick would not be unfathomable for this team.

Rookie's No-No a First

Jason Fish
Asst. Business Manager

23 year-old Boston Red Sox rookie Clay Buchholz had several lucky numbers to look at after pitching a complete game no-hitter against the Baltimore Orioles on September 1.

In only his second major league start, he became the 17th man to render the opposition's offense utterly null in 106 years of Red Sox history. According to mlb.com reporter Alex McPhillips, Buchholz is the third pitcher to throw a no-hitter in his second professional appearance since 1900.

While many pitchers have stymied the opponents' bats for several innings, sometimes coming within a dozen outs of the coveted no-hit bid, to completely shut down the other team for all nine innings is a rare occurrence.

Backed by a stellar set of defensive plays and 10 runs from his teammates, Buchholz added to the frustration of the Orioles by spearing a hard bouncer headed up the middle and making the out.

According to team coaches, the young starter demonstrated excellent command of his fastball early and punctuated his surgical strikes with devastating change-ups and gravity-defying curveballs.

The final out came as dramatically as it could have for the rookie right-hander. Before a sell-out home crowd on its feet, Buchholz lofted another of his malicious curveballs into the catcher's mitt, freezing the batter in place and ending the game.

The tension exploded into a deluge of motion and flashbulbs. The stands broiled in uproar and the 6 foot 3 inch Texas native stood even taller as his fellow Sox mobbed him on the mound, hoisting him into the night air.

"I don't even have a word for it," Buchholz said, according to an article by mlb.com reporter Ian Browne.

A game ball from the historic outing has been sent to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Fool's Gold

“Kicking you in the pants”



Career Fair Cancelled

Alternatives Include: Job of Fortune!

Matthew Pusard
Lead Recruiting Informant

One of the oldest traditions at the CSM will be taking its leave of absence at the end of this year. After 113 years of operation, the Career Fair is being discontinued due to rising costs for participating companies. The Career Fair originated in 1894 as an outlet for Union Pacific to recruit engineers. Less than a decade later, the fair had a dozen companies including US Steel, General Electric, and Snake Oil Inc, flocking

to Golden to recruit one of seven graduating students. Nowadays, costs have been driven too high. Companies have to pay for travel, lodging, overtime wages, free goodies, booth fees, a bribe to improve the placement of said booth, paper shredders for resumes, and the occasional lady of the night. These various costs end up totaling over \$1 million per company. The base cost does not include interviews a month later.

This new cost of recruiting is coupled with the results of a study performed at the University of Southern Delaware. Researchers have found campus career fairs are only the 4th best recruiting technique with a 46% success rate. The top three successful recruiting methods were using a trained bloodhound (95% success rate), parties with free beer and pizza (76% success rate), and forcible abduction (49% success rate). The study defined success as finding an intern or full time employee who will do more than 10 hours of real work per week.

Researchers concluded that the bloodhounds worked best because they were able to sniff out desirable and undesirable traits alike. Some of the favorable traits these dogs are trained to smell for are work ethic, sociability, and good looks. Some of the unwelcome traits include poor hygiene, smugness, and the inability to discern satire from real journalism. Most companies appear to be interested in utilizing the trained bloodhounds, although an anonymous source stated, “Halliburton is looking very hard at the use of abduction.” Administrators at CSM have set up a forum for feedback on the future of recruitment at www.oredigger.net.

Gold Strike @ Edgar Mine

Adam Freeland
Longwall Coordinator

“There are gold in them hills!” yelled a crazy 90-year-old miner. There has been a massive Gold strike at the CSM owned and operated Edgar Experimental Mine. A CSM Student doing research on, “How hard rocks really are” discovered this new vein of gold over the summer. Patton W. Graham, the one accredited with the discovery, was mining in an iron rich environment in the Army Adit when he struck “pay dirt.” At first, the Mining Department was upset Graham had deviated from his duties as Mine Sweeper, but when the vein size was discovered, they extended to him a full scholarship for making such a grandiose discovery. As though it were a gold rush, the mining department immediately began planning the mine expansion, “Coast Guard Raise.” The estimated \$327 million strike will be used to buy Dean Sinclair a French Riviera vacation home, complete Bob Francisco’s severance package, and pay all student fees for an estimated 4 years. Unfortunately, like Columbus discovering a sea route to India, the truth finally set in. After a microscopic glance at the material, it was found to be Fool’s Gold and there had been no gold strike in the retired silver mine. Graham’s inability to distinguish gold from Fool’s Gold ended up costing the Mining department \$4.2 million in research and planning in a quick two days. The Mining Department student fee will still be in effect, and in fact, raise to over \$18,000 per student per semester.

Not-So-Ultimate Frisbee Team In The Works

Greg Smith
Chief Frizzy Bee Spy

“I like Frisbee,” explains Peter Ray, a freshman that wishes to remain anonymous. “I came to Mines and wanted to join the Ultimate team, but all those guys are so intense! I wanted to create a team for people like me.” And that’s exactly what he did. Peter has been practicing with his fellow Sub-Athletic Degenerates, or “SAD’s,” Tuesdays at noon and eight in the evening at an undisclosed location. “Being captain, I decided we should probably run two-a-days for a few weeks, you know, to build up our stamina and sub-par athletic abilities.” Secrecy, for security purposes, is a big deal to the team. When asked if he was embarrassed about the semi-team, he stood firm. “We SAD’s are a proud peoples. We practice intensely, take vitamins, do resistance train-



Semi-Ultimate poster boy David Appelhans attempts a catch from a rogue frisbee in front of the new student center. (Frisbee edited in, due to lack of skills.)

ing, and hell, I can dead lift the bar, and Matthew put up 20 kilos on the bench last week, didn’t you Matt?” A high five was attempted. The semi-Ultimate Frisbee team is comprised of 12 members, some of whom can successfully toss the Frisbee. “I was on the debate team

in high school,” remarked one team member just before being owned in the face by a stray disc, knocking his glasses free, only to be caught by a safety strap. The team then exploded in a roar of laughter, snorting, which quickly followed by a rush for backpacks and the un-

mistakable “pffff” of inhalers. A hopeful Peter Ray left me with a nub of insight, saying “My goal is to provide everyone with the opportunity to enjoy the sensation that is semi-Ultimate Frisbee. I’ve even applied for NCAA division VIII athletic endorsement, but haven’t heard back as of yet.”

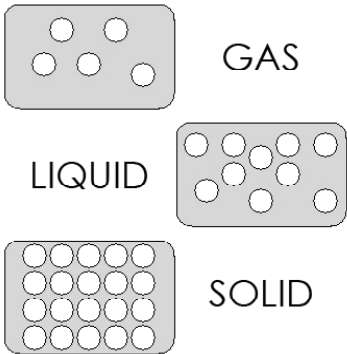
Discrimination Against Gases

Solids: No comment. **Liquids:** Guilty by Association.

Mike Stone
Gasman

Have you ever driven down the road and knew it would be illegal to throw your McDonald’s cup or cigarette butt out the window? In Colorado, you can be fined up to \$500 for the infraction. It is a law that everyone can get behind for valid reasons: We don’t want trash on our streets. Now, sit in that same car and think about the coke or the cigarette smoke you threw out with it. There are no fines or public service requirements for littering liquids or gases-only solids. That is exactly the case going to the Supreme Court in two weeks. In the controversial State of Colorado v. _____, lawyers and lobby-

ists are fighting for recognition. Already being called the discrimination case of the century, Gas spokesmen are making sure every phase of matter has the same respect it deserves. “Gases are blamed for Global Warming and Tornadoes. They are treated with contempt and only seen as doing wrong in the environment. They never get the credit of providing breathable oxygen and delivering sweet perfumes to your nostrils, which are located on your face.” Michael Tinney, a scientist from the United Kingdom, states that; “Without gas, people would not be alive.” His research



team has done extensive reports on this over the past decade in laboratories located nowhere near English pubs. “Every time we deprive a lab mouse of air, it seems to die.” Human testing will begin next month. Solid lawyers have taken a strong stance of “No comment,” to questions about the case. A person close to the defense team said, “The solids are waiting for court with no signs of worry. Solids don’t want to be treated unfairly, but they know they deserve it anyway.” Liquid lawyers are still waiting for all the evidence to be in. “We know liquids are blamed for icy roads at night, but we do not think we are as controversial as solids. We can evaporate away on warm days.” Gas lawyers retorted, “We only want the same recognition: equal rights for all phases. If it is illegal to litter a solid, it should be illegal to litter a gas.” The case is to commence on Wednesday, September 26th. If gases win, solids will surely pay the price: in solid cash.

Campus Queries

Recent Issues Around the Mines Community

- The Chemistry Department is protesting Arthur Lakes Library for not displaying the Chem-E Swimsuit Edition. The school administration stands by the library staff.
- Campus Police are in negotiations with the Physics department for renting a particle accelerator for better donut sprinkle placement. Settlement to come soon.
- Bob Saget pops up at a Faculty Senate Meeting where alcohol is routinely served.
- Derek Morgan’s evil twin took over Student Activities three weeks ago. The real Derek is recovering in a marsh of marshmallows.
- New student group decides their own grades. The so-called “Grade This” is recruiting.
- Steve Jobs and Bill Gates tour Rec Center and get tangled on Rock wall after breaking their ankles.



IM SPORTS

DEADLINES

INDOOR SOCCER TUESDAY 9/11
TENNIS – SINGLES THURSDAY 9/13
CHESS THURSDAY 9/13
GOLF SCRAMBLE \$35 PER PERSON
THURSDAY 9/13
RACQUETBALL – SINGLES 9/20
VOLLEYBALL – TUESDAY 9/25

RECENT CHAMPS

~GOLF BEST BALL:
CHAMPS: DAN LEWIS AND BRAD SCHICK
LONGEST DRIVE: MIKE ARBOGASH
CLOSEST TO THE PIN: DEAN MADRID
~GRASS VOLLEYBALL:
MENS: SAE



WOMENS&CO-REC: TEAM AWESOME
AND A HALF



FITNESS CLASSES

FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
12:05–12:50pm Super Step Cardio	12:05–12:50pm Mind & Body Yoga	12:05–12:50pm Aerobic Dance	12:05–12:50pm Simply Ballistic	12:05–12:50pm Killer Kickboxing
6:30–7:30pm Body Toning Boot-Camp	6:30–7:30pm Body Sculpting	6:30–7:45pm Mind & Body Yoga	6:30–7:10pm Aerobic Dance	

- +NOON CLASSES FREE THE WHOLE SEMESTER
- +REGISTER AT SRC’S MEMBER’S DESK
- +PUNCH CARDS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE CLASS STARTS.
- +YOU CAN ONLY REGISTER YOUR OWN PUCH CARD.
- +EXERCISE PUNCH CARDS ARE \$30 AND ARE GOOD FOR 10 NON-YOGA CLASSES.
- +YOGA PUNCH CARDS ARE \$50 AND ARE GOOD FOR 10 YOGA CLASSES.

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CLUB SPORTS NEWS

RESULTS

~MEN’S SOCCER **BEAT** UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO 3 - 2
~MEN’S RUGBY **BEAT** COLORADO UNIVERSITY 15 - 12
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~MEN’S RUGBY **BEAT** COLORADO UNIVERSITY 13 - 12.
~MEN’S SOCCER **BEAT** COLORADO UNIVERSITY 3 - 2 IN OVERTIME.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN’S SOCCER SAT 15 SEPT @1PM IM SOUTH
WOMEN’S SOCCER SAT 22 SEPT @1PM IM SOUTH
MEN’S SOCCER SAT 22 SEPT @ 3PM IM SOUTH
MEN’S SOCCER SUN 23 SEPT @11AM IM SOUTH
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